

PATENT
Docket/File No. A-59891-2/RFT/468250-14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LESTER *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/812,074

Filing Date: March 19, 2001

For: DNA Encoding Inward Rectifier,
G-Protein Activated, Mammalian,
Potassium KGA Channel and Uses
Thereof

Examiner: PAK, Michael D.

Art Unit: 1646

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, with a shortened statutory period for reply to expire August 1, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time for four months up to and including December 1, 2003 and the \$740.00 fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4) are enclosed herewith making this a timely response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-59891-2/RFT/468250-14).

In that Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction as between:

- Group I: Claim 1, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecule, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5, and
Group II: Claim 13, drawn to a method for isolating nucleic acid, classified in class 534, subclass 6.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claim 13, drawn to a method for isolating nucleic acid.

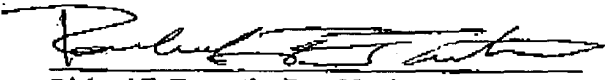
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